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To the Worshipful the Mayor,  
Aldermen and Ccuncillors of the Borough of Romsey.

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present, for your information and consideration, the Annual Report on the health of your Borough for the year 1970.

The Chief Public Health Inspector's Report on the work of the Health Department, with which he is specially concerned, is embodied in the Report.

When considering the Vital Statistics, slight variations from year to year should not usually be regarded as statistically significant in view of the small population of the Borough.

I would like to express my thanks to the staff of the Department for the way in which they have carried out their duties in the year under review.

I have the honour to be,

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. K. TALLACK

Medical Officer of Health

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health

R. J. K. Tallack,  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector  
(Also Engineer and Surveyor)

W. Bell,  
A.I.A.S., Mun.B.I., M.A.P.H.I.,  
M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector  
(Also Deputy Engineer and Surveyor)

J. Webster  
M.A.P.H.I.

Meat Inspector  
(Part time)

G. N. Gould,  
M.R.C.V.S.

Secretary

Miss J. M. Hatch

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1. VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)

1,212

Population (as estimated by  
the Registrar General)

9060

Rateable Value

£442,645

Product of Penny rate

£ 4,426

Total Number of Council Houses

796

Total Number of Rateable Premises

4330

Summary of vital statistics for the year 1970 as  
supplied by the Registrar General

	1970			1969
	Total	Male	Female	Total
Live Births: Total Registered	218	119	99	228
Legitimate	208	114	94	216
Illegitimate	10	5	5	12
Still Births: Total Registered	4	1	3	1
Legitimate	4	1	3	0
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1

	1970			1969
	Total	Male	Female	Total
Deaths: Total Registered	120	58	62	108
Maternal Mortality	-	-	-	-
Infant Mortality:				
Deaths of infants under one year of age -	3	-	3	-
Total Registered	3	-	3	-
Legitimate	3	-	3	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Death of infants under four weeks of age -	3	-	3	-

	Comparative Statistics where available	
	Romsey Borough	England and Wales
Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	24.1	16.0
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	18	13.0
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	14	18.0
Perinatal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	32	23
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4.6	8
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	NIL	0.19
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.2	11.7

Comparability Factors      -      Births 1.06  
Deaths .89

The England and Wales figures shown for comparison appear to indicate that rates in Romsey are different from the rest of the country; the seeming differences are artif acts due to the relatively small numbers.



The chief causes of death, in order of frequency:-

	<u>1969</u> (% of all deaths)	<u>1970</u> (% of all deaths)
(a) Disease of the Heart and Circulatory System	36-33.3%	48 -40.0%
(b) Cancer of all sites	20-18.5%	21-17.5%
(c) Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2- 1.8%	16-13.3%
(d) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	16-14.8%	12-10.0%

## 2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(i) The Medical Officer of Health is also the Medical Officer of Health of the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council and a Senior Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer to the Hampshire County Council. This combined appointment helps to co-ordinate the Medical Services supplied by the County Council as the Local Health Authority, in accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946 with the services supplied by the Borough Council and Regional Hospital Board.

(ii) The County Council supply the following services:

### (a) Ambulance Service:

The Ambulance service is controlled by the Central Control in Winchester, telephone Winchester 61644.

All requests for Ambulances should be made through the above number for this area.

### (b) Nursing in the Home:

Nurses and Midwives are responsible for domiciliary midwifery and home nursing. They keep in close touch with the County Council Health Visitors, the Medical Officer of Health and the General Practitioners in the area. No nursing arrangements or contributions are made by the Borough Council.

The attachment of Nurses and Midwives to two Group Medical practices in the Borough continued in 1970.

The Nurses are:-

Mrs. Babey (District Nurse/Midwife)  
5, Castle Lane,  
Chandler's Ford.  
Telephone - Chandler's Ford 2107

Miss Farrell, (Sister Bernadette) (District Nurse/Midwife).  
La Sagesse Convent,  
Abbey House,  
Romsey.  
Telephone Romsey 8212

Nurse Picken, (District Nurse/Midwife)  
"Kyrenia",  
Meganna Way,  
Braishfield.  
Telephone - Braishfield 263

Nurse Cork, (District Nurse/Midwife)  
8, Winfrith Way,  
Nursling,  
Southampton.  
Telephone - Rownhams 2239

Nurse Gilks, (District Nurse)  
2, Lansdowne Gardens,  
Romsey,  
Telephone - Romsey 2116

Attached to practice of Drs. Rankine, Dale and Wattie:-

Nurse Farrell  
Nurse Cork  
Nurse Babey  
Nurse Gilks

Attached to practice of Drs. Knight, Johnson, Johnson  
Summerhayes and Parry-Jones:-

Nurse Picken  
Nurse Gilks

(c) Child Health:

The County Council employ Health Visitors who visit children from the age of two weeks, when they pass from the care of the District Midwives, until the age of five years when the child enters school. A child health clinic is held every Thursday afternoon at the Red Cross Centre, The Gardens, Winchester Road, Romsey.

The Health Visitors are:-

Mrs. M. Pointer,  
"Bryn-Coed",  
Newtown Road,  
Sherfield English.  
Telephone - Lockerley 377

(attached to the Practice of Drs Rankine, Dale and Wattie)

Mrs. E. C. Caton,  
"Somerley",  
Rownhams Lane,  
Nursling.  
Telephone - Rownhams 2545

Mrs. A. Taylor,  
"Beechwood",  
Ampfield,  
Romsey.  
Telephone - Braishfield 392

(attached to practice of Drs. Knight, Johnson, Johnson,  
Summerhayes and Parry-Jones)

(d) Care of Mothers and Young Children:

Ante-natal supervision and dental care are provided for expectant mothers and dental care is provided for mothers in the first year of the baby's life and for Children up to school age. Ante-natal clinics and parentcraft classes are held in the surgeries of the General Medical Practitioners.

(e) Home Help Service:

This service is provided for mothers confined at home, for those in charge of the elderly, chronic sick etc. The organiser for this area has an office at Red House, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. Telephone - Eastleigh 2558.

(f) Nurseries and Child Minders Regulation Act, 1948

The following are registered under the above act:-

Mrs. B. Perratt, "Conkers", 6, Durban Close, Romsey.	Premises at The Woodley Scout Hut, Woodley Close, Romsey.
Mrs. P. Ventham, "Ulla Dulla", 1, Wynyards Gap, North Baddesley.	Premises at The Abbey Congregational Church Hall, The Abbey, Romsey.
Mrs. M. Cameron, Arran House, Carisbrooke Court, Romsey.	Premises at Girl Guide Headquarters, Baden Powell Way, Off Alma Road, Romsey.
Mrs. A. Stokes	at her home address "Wynton", Winchester Hill, Romsey.
Mrs. A. Broom	at her home address "Bickleigh House", Station Road, Romsey.
Mrs. M. Bland	at her home address 24, The Vikings, Romsey.
Mrs. P. Quirke	at her home address 66, Northlands Road, Whitenap, Romsey.

(g) Care of the Elderly:

A County Council home for the elderly is situated in Romsey at The Gardens, Winchester Road.

The Meals-on-wheels service is provided by the W. R. V. S. 18, Market Place, Romsey.

(h) Vaccination and Immunisation:

See later in this report.



(i) Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care:

These services are part of the duties of the Medical Officer of Health, Health Visitors and District Nurses.

(j) Mental Health Service:

Training centres are provided for mentally handicapped children and adults residing in the area as follows:-

1. Junior Training Centres

Greenacres Junior Training Centre,  
Andover Road,  
Winchester.  
Telephone Winchester 62450

Ickniel Junior Training Centre,  
River Way,  
Andover,  
Telephone Andover 5297

2. Branches of Hampshire Training Industries (Adult Training Centre)

Andover Branch,  
Station Approach,  
Junction Road,  
Andover.

Bishopstoke Branch,  
Church Road,  
Bishopstoke,  
Eastleigh.

Mental Health Social Work services are provided by Officers based on the Area Mental Health Office, Friarsgate Health Clinic, Winchester and the following Officers serve the Romsey Borough area:-

Mr. J. E. Morrison,  
Senior Mental Health Social Worker

Mr. T. Trueman,  
Mental Health Social Worker

During working hours these officers can be contacted by telephoning Winchester 62144, Extension 49. At all other times the appropriate duty officer can be contacted through the Central Ambulance Control (Winchester 61644).

(iii) Hospital Services

The Wessex Regional Hospital Board supply general Maternity and infectious diseases (including Smallpox and Tuberculosis) hospital services for this area.

General medical and surgical hospital services are provided at Romsey Hospital; Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton; General Hospital, Southampton; Chest Hospital, Eye Hospital and Childrens' Hospital, Southampton, and The Mount Hospital, Bishopstoke.

Maternity Services are provided at Romsey Hospital and at the Maternity Unit, Southampton General Hospital.

(iv) Laboratory Service:

Laboratory facilities are available at the Medical Research Council Laboratories at Southampton and Winchester.

(v) Public Health Services provided by your Council during the year:

(a) Prevention of Accidents:

Education of the Public to lessen the incidence of accidents, especially those in the home is undertaken by your Public Health Inspectors and Medical Officer of Health.

The local branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents continued work.

The Police continued their very valuable work of training in road safety and proficiency testing of cyclists in the Borough schools.

(b) Health Education:

Posters and other materials from the Health Education Council Limited and Ministry of Health are received and displayed. All possible opportunities for addressing meetings were taken by your Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspectors. Talks to Parent / Teacher Associations and other groups have been given by Health Visitors and Health Education Officers. There is no great public enthusiasm for information about health and in the Borough there appears to be an average public lack of interest in understanding the scientific knowledge on which our health and sanitary services are built. A series of colour transparencies on "The Nursing Services of a Group Practice" were taken and their use as a visual aid to lectures on the County Nursing Service proved very useful.

(vi) National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47

No action was taken under this section of the Act but several elderly people, especially those living alone, had many problems with which Health Department staff were asked to help. In all cases your staff were able either to explain, to help physically, or to call in another helping agency: the County Welfare Department Officers were, as usual, most co-operative.

(vii) Work Carried out by Voluntary Societies:

The Red Cross provides the only subsidised chiropody service for old people in the Borough. Details of the chiropody service are available from the Red Cross Centre, The Gardens, Winchester Road, Romsey.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade continued its activities especially in providing training courses and providing first aid personnel for large gatherings and functions in the Borough and outside.

(viii)Nursing Home:

There is one private nursing home in the Borough:-

The Durban Nursing Home,  
Woodley Lane,  
Romsey, 2332

3. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

a. Immunisation against Diphthoria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

The estimated number of children in the Borough who received diphtheria immunisation during 1970 was as follows:-

Year of Birth	Primary Doses	Reinforcing Doses
1970	7	1
1969	2	170
1968	4	33
1967	-	1
1966/63	13	17
Other under 16	-	1
Total	19	223

b. Vaccination Against Smallpox

Year	Primary Vaccinations				Total Prim-ary	Re-vacc-ination	Grand Total
	0 - 1 Year	1 - 15 Years	Over 15 Years				
1958	53	15	2		70	15	85
1959	78	7	5		90	20	110
	0-1 Year	1 - 2 Years	2 -15 Years	Over 15 Years			
1960	43	1	12	9	65	35	100
1961	44	9	8	6	67	24	91
1962	57	19	307	328	711	739	1450
1963	5	8	3	3	19	33	52
1964	36	8	1	5	50	29	79
1965	40	19	12	4	75	31	106
1966	26	28	5	8	67	33	100
1967	77	58	8	52	195	38	233
1968	35	-	33	-	68	8	76
1969	12	8	40	3	63	9	72
1970	1	169	51	-	221	19	240



The level of primary vaccination of young children is still low. It is now usual to vaccinate children at about the time of the first birthday as side effects and excessive reactions are minimal at that age. The Borough is so close to a great seaport and to an airport that it is most important that all healthy children be vaccinated.

c. Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

Year	Completed Vaccination	Fourth dose for School Child
1960	795	-
1961	304	241
1962	175	25
1963	71	39
1964	91	27
1965	141	92
1966	172	81
1967	212	82
1968	95	168
1969	26	179
1970	27	224

Many people are inclined to forget the need for vaccination against poliomyelitis since the disease has been very nearly eliminated from the Country. There is no doubt that the decrease in incidence is in large part due to vaccination administered during the past few years and it is essential that a high level of vaccination should be maintained. There are still many children who are not taken to a doctor for the three doses of vaccine and the 'booster' which is given to school children.

d. Vaccination Against Measles

Year of Birth	No. of Children Vaccinated
1969	9
1968	24
1967	17
1966/61	33
Others	3
	86

There were 44 cases of measles notified.

Number of children vaccinated  
by the Medical Officer of Health 79

Records received from the  
County Medical Officer 86

165

e. Vaccination Against Rubella - (German Measles)

In July 1970 the Department of Health and Social Security arranged that vaccination against Rubella (German Measles) would be made available to girls aged 11, 12 and 13. Priority was to be given to girls in the latter age group and parents would be given the chance of having their girls vaccinated at school or by their General Practitioner.

Initially the County Medical Officer invited the parents of schoolgirls to participate in this scheme and your Medical Officer of Health on programming these sessions in the various schools collected the following information:-

Number of girls to be vaccinated at County School Sessions	150
Number of girls whose parents did not wish them to be vaccinated	12
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	162
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On completion of the programme the position was as follows:-

Number of girls vaccinated by Medical Officer of Health	141
Number of girls who failed to present themselves for vaccination	9
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	150
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#### 4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

##### (a) GENERAL

The Public Health Department is combined with that of the Engineer and Surveyor and the staff of the combined department comprises the Borough Surveyor / Chief Public Health Inspector, Deputy Borough Surveyor / Additional Public Health Inspector, Sewage Works Manager and Building Inspector together with two female clerical assistants. The duties of the Department, in addition to those relating to "public health" include the improvement, and maintenance of district roads; design and preparation of drawings for highway, small sewerage and some of the new housing works; maintenance of some 796 Council owned houses together with other civic properties, outdoor swimming pool, public hall and park; maintenance of sewage disposal works, sewers and pumping stations and public conveniences, supervision of some 45 outdoor staff; inspection of plans deposited under Building Regulations and inspection of properties in course of erection, in this connection there were 284 new dwellings completed during the year and 201 new dwellings were in the course of erection at the close of the year.

##### (b) WATER SUPPLY

The Borough of Romsey lies in the statutory area of the Southampton Corporation Waterworks and the following information was kindly supplied by Mr. W. G. H. Tripp, M.A., C. Eng., M.I.C.E., M.I.W.E., Waterworks Engineer and Manager.

The water supply to the Borough has been satisfactory, (i) in quality and (ii) in quantity.

No cases of contamination took place.

The number of houses supplied is as follows:-

(i)	direct to houses	- 3241
(ii)	by standpipes	- NIL

The average fluoride contents of the water supplied during 1970 were as follows:-

(i)	Timsbury	- 0.34 mg/l
(ii)	Testwood	- 0.17 mg/l
(iii)	Twyford	- 0.15 mg/l

The actual water supplied to Romsey comes from the Timsbury Pumping Station which is about three miles north of the Borough. At times of peak demand this supply is augmented by water from Testwood Pumping Station through a 24 inch diameter steel main laid along the main road from Nursling, or by water from Twyford Pumping Station through a 21 inch diameter steel main along the Botley Road.

The water from the Timsbury Pumping Station is derived from a system of wells and adits in the upper chalk of the Test Valley and before being put into supply is treated with chlorine. The Station is equipped with modern electrically driven pumping plant with diesel driven pumps as standby.

Water is pumped from the wells to the treatment works and after treatment it is then further pumped to a service reservoir at Michelmersh whence it gravitates into supply through trunk water mains which pass through the Borough of Romsey.

Regular samples are taken of both raw and treated water at the Timsbury source for bacteriological examination and the results have always indicated a consistently high standard of purity.

The examination of water is carried out by the Southampton City Analyst and also by the Public Health Laboratory at Winchester. The City Analyst also carried out chemical analysis on quarterly samples of both raw and treated water.

There are in the Borough of Romsey over 34 miles of water mains, varying from 24" diameter to 2" diameter and these mains afford a piped supply of water to all premises and to industrial and other metered consumers. The Southampton Corporation operate a tap washering and a plumbing repair service on a repayment basis.

#### (c) DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The whole of the built-up area of the Borough is served by public sewer except the undeveloped land north of the Railway between Canal Walk and Greatbridge Road.

A scheme for the sewerage of this area was prepared by Consulting Engineers as it is anticipated that housing and other development will take place there within the near future. The scheme has been accepted in principle by the Council. The scheme is likely to comprise the construction of a large pumping station in the area of Greatbridge Road which will receive sewage from the trunk main serving the area, including probable development within the Rural District, and will discharge same direct to the Greenhill Sewage Disposal Works via a rising main to the west of the town.

All the houses in the Borough are connected to the public sewer with the exception of about 80 premises which are still using cesspool drainage although in almost every case a connection to the sewer is available for these dwellings. No cases of overflowing cesspools or cesspools giving rise to nuisance were reported or found.

An extension of the sewer to serve the public conveniences at the Sports Centre, urgently necessary due to the greatly increased use of the conveniences by travellers using the principal roads A31 and A27 was designed in the Department and constructed by contract during the year.

All foul sewage gravitates to Sadlers Mill pumping station from whence it is pumped via two rising mains to Greenhill Sewage Disposal Works. Pumping plant at Sadlers Mill comprises a water powered turbine pump and two electrically powered centrifugal pumps. There are two other pumping stations in the system utilising Flygt submersible pumps.



The Greenhill Sewage Disposal Works comprise constant velocity grit channels, comminutor, balancing tank, pyramid primary settlement tanks, circular percolating filters and humus tanks. In addition a two tank Simplex sludge digestion plant and some 19,000 square feet of sludge drying beds are provided. Storm water up to three times the dry weather flow is treated by settlement before discharge to a watercourse. The average daily flow of sewage at the treatment works was 0.632 m.g..

Final effluent was analysed on 55 occasions during the year at a point near the outfall. During these tests 13 samples failed to reach Royal Commission Standards for solids content, and 6 for B. O. D.

The flow of domestic and trade effluent continued to increase and resulted in the load being treated at the Greenhill Sewage Disposal Works exceeding the design capacity.

The preparation of the scheme for the extension of the Sewage Disposal Works to serve the increasing population and industry proceeded; as a result of discussions with the Brewery agreement was reached to incorporate pre-treatment of their effluent, by passing it through a vertical tower containing patent plastic media in order to reduce the B. O. D. load.

Agreement was reached with the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council to receive and treat sewage from the Woodley, Crampmoor and Halterworth area of the District. An additional sewer was laid within the Borough to accommodate this additional flow, by the Rural District Council and this sewer is now in use.

During the year various new sewers were laid by private developers to serve the extensive new housing estates within the district. In recent years several thousand yards of such sewers have been vested in the Council as public sewers.

#### (d) PUBLIC CLEANSING

There was no change during the year in the method of scavenging but the use of paper sacks in lieu of dustbins was further extended, particularly for new dwellings. The skip method used whereby refuse is emptied from dustbins into skips for cartage to the collection vehicle while saving time and labour causes more litter and dust nuisance than other methods.

The refuse collecting service is carried out by direct labour and covers the whole of the Borough. All premises are visited once per week in normal circumstances. Extra collection and trade refuse collections are made where required at more frequent intervals for which a charge of 1s. 9d. per bin is made.

The refuse collection service has continued to operate with two vehicles, each with its own refuse collection team. The service is fully extended when both vehicles are serviceable and all men are present but when a vehicle breaks down or a man or men are absent the weekly service cannot be maintained.

A third vehicle was placed on order in the Spring, but delivery is not expected until 1971. Work study of the refuse collection service, recommended during the year, has not yet taken place. It is apparent that this most important service requires constant attention and improvement to keep pace with increasing population and the higher standards presently demanded.

A rear of the house collection is made in all cases except where premises have no rear access when the bins are collected from the kerbside.

Refuse is disposed of on a controlled tip at Casbrook Common operated by the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council a charge being made by the Rural District Council for the arrangement.

This tip is also available for use by members of the public as a refuse dump in accordance with the provisions of the Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

During the year action under the provisions of the Civic Amenities Act, 1967 in respect of thirteen abandoned vehicles, resulted in their removal. Vehicles are normally collected and disposed of for the Council by a private contractor at nominal cost to the Council.

The highway cleansing is also carried out by direct labour and all roads are, in normal circumstances, swept weekly with more frequent sweeping in the Town Centre. Some classified roads are cleansed by arrangement with the Hampshire County Council who contribute towards the cost of this service.

The length of roads cleansed has increased to 16.65 miles and is now more than twice that existing five years ago.

During the early part of the year a Blaw Knox Pathmaster 42 mechanical sweeper was purchased and brought into use. This machine has proved a most worthwhile acquisition and a noticeable improvement in the frequency of sweeping the outlying Borough roads has resulted. In view of the ever increasing work load on this machine and on the remaining manual road sweepers it is desirable that the purchase of second such machine should not be long delayed.

#### (e) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

During the year visits and inspections continued to be made by Public Health Staff in respect of defective drainage, defective premises, accumulation of refuse, dirty premises, noise nuisances, smoke nuisances, and all other complaints of public Health nuisances. Informal notices to secure the abatement of nuisances and the remedying of defects have proved effective and it was not necessary to resort to the service of Statutory Notices.

#### (f) COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the Borough.

(g) OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trades established in the Borough.

(h) INSECT INFESTATION

Insect infestation treatment was successfully carried out on insect infestations reported during the year. No new major infestations were reported or discovered.

(i) RODENT CONTROL

During the year a 10% treatment of the sewerage system was undertaken when only minor infestation was found in isolated instances, in each instance subsequent treatment eliminated the infestation.

131 infestations in domestic and business premises were either notified or located on inspection and all were treated successfully. Domestic premises continued to be treated free of charge whilst business premises were treated on a cost basis.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act requires that a periodical survey of the District for rodents be made and whenever possible this obligation is carried out concurrently with inspections made for other purposes.

(j) SMOKE CONTROL

None of the industrial premises in the Borough uses raw coal in its heating equipment. There have been no complaints of smoke nuisance from either industrial or domestic heating equipment in the Borough.

Several applications for determination of chimney height pursuant to Section 6 of the Clean Air Act, 1969, were dealt with during the year. In one instance the Applicant was required to increase the chimney height of a new proposed installation because of the height of certain existing buildings in the area concerned.



5. FACTORIES ACT, 1961

(i) Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
i. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	1	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	50	20	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	--	-
	53	21	-	-

(ii) Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	To H.m. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

(iii) Outworkers employed in the District

	Section 133			Section 134		
Nature of Work	No. of Out workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (Making etc. Cleaning and Washing)	2	-	-	-	-	-

## 6. SWIMMING POOL

The Department manages the only public swimming pool and paddling pool in the area. The pool which measures 75 feet x 35 feet is uncovered and is provided with adequate washing facilities and changing and clothes storage accommodation.

The pool is filled with mains fresh water which is continuously circulated by pumps through a "Bell" pressure sand filter, a Wallace and Tiernan's visible vacuum chlorination plant and a fountain type aerator. The rate of circulation ensures a change of water for the whole of the pool every four hours.

During the year both the males and females changing cubicles were completely reconstructed by the Departments direct labour staff. Further structural improvement was made by the demolition of existing timber boundary fence and the erection of a brick wall.

Improvements to the water treatment plant were a proved during the year by reason of the placing of an order for a Wallace and Tiernan V notch (Chlorine) gas control unit and soda ash metering pump which are to replace the now obsolete Visible Vacuum (Bell jar) plant and associated hydraulic solution feeders. It is anticipated that this new equipment will be delivered and installed prior to the opening of the 1971 season.

Frequent routine samples of water were sent for bacteriological examination when counts of coliform bacteria and faecal coli were minimal. 'Plate' counts too were found to be excellent.

## 7. HOUSING

The Department is responsible for building control within the Borough which includes the inspection of deposited plans and the inspection of buildings in course of erection. In this connection 284 entirely new dwellings were completed by private enterprise and in addition a considerable number of house extensions and other minor works were carried out.

During the year the old peoples Warden controlled flatlet scheme (since named Linden Court) at Love Lane, designed within the Department and supervised by its officers, was completed. The buildings were completed at a cost within the Ministry's Yardstick figure and yet at the same time have provided excellent accommodation well appreciated and liked by the occupants.

The scheme for the redevelopment of the Arcon 'prefab' site at Symes Road proceeded. The tenants of the twenty prefabricated bungalows were rehoused as and when casual vacancies in the Council's other estates occurred and the 'prefabs' were demolished as they became vacant. Contract was let and work commenced on the former 'prefab' site at the latter part of the year, for the erection of forty, 2 and 3 bedroomed flats to Parker Morris Standards. The forty flats are all due for completion in 1971.

In addition a considerable amount of work was carried out on plans for the redevelopment of a site in Middlebridge Street, Romsey for the erection of 18 old persons flats. Unfortunately this work proved abortive when the land was sold to a private buyer.

There <sup>were</sup> approximately 210 applicants on the Council housing list at the end of the year.

During the year 22 new applications were received for Qualification Certificates under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1969. During the same period 10 Qualification Certificates were issued and 14 applications were refused pending repairs and / or amenities. During the year some 12 houses were made fit after action by the Department.



21 applications for Discretionary and Standard Improvement Grants were received and 21 grants were approved enabling owners to improve and provide modern amenities for their dwellings with financial assistance.

8. SERVICES UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

(a) MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

Samples are not taken within the Borough for examination in connection with brucella abortus.

(b) FOOD HYGIENE ( GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Type of Premises	Number of Premises	Premises that Comply with Regulation 16	Premises where Regulation 19 Applies	Premises that Comply with Regulation 19
Grocers	11	11	11	11
Butchers / Fishmongers	11	11	11	11
Restaurants Hotels etc.	14	14	14	14
Fruit and Vegetables	5	5	5	5
Fried Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Confectionery etc.	10	10	10	10

Inspection of food premises was carried out in conjunction with inspections under the provisions of the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act and advice given. Inspection of deposited plans are undertaken, in conjunction with other objects, for compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations. Inspections of plans and shop premises in course of erection have resulted in likely contraventions being obviated and better arrangements generally.

(c) POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the Borough.

(d) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 - SECTION 16 AND 18

Of 31 premises currently registered under Sections 16 and 18 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, 25 are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream and the remainder for preparation and sale of preserved foods.

(e) UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED

It was not found necessary to 'seize any food during the year but the following foods were surrendered for disposal.

Meat and poultry (other than slaughterhouses) 154 lbs.

Miscellaneous canned goods 147 tins

Fruit 612 lbs.

Individual retail packs of various frozen food consequent upon the failure of supermarket freezers during the year. 4939

(f) SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The inspection of animals slaughtered was carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Council as Meat Inspector and the following figures are from his reports:-

Pigs	1,918
Lambs	510
Bullocks	383
Calves	2,509
Cattle	722
Sheep	32
Sows	133
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The condemnations for the year include the following animals as well as certain offal and parts of carcasses:-

Sheep	1
Sows	6
Pigs	22
Calves	59
Cattle	10
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9. OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During the year inspections of various premises were undertaken in conjunction with visits for other purposes. In addition attention was paid to the requirements of the Act when deposited plans were inspected for other purposes, this being one of the advantages of a joint department. Contraventions were generally of a relatively minor character.

There were 110 premises on the register at the end of the year, an increase of 3 over the previous year.

The total number of persons employed in registered premises was 712 an increase of 42 over 1969.



#### 10. FORMAL SAMPLING

Formal sampling of food and drugs, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 is carried out by Mr. J. S. Preston M.I.W.M.A., Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, who kindly supplied the following report:-

"During the year which ended 31st December, 1970 68 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 within the Borough of Romsey.

##### Milk Samples

45 samples, including 10 of Channel Islands were obtained, all of which were satisfactory.

##### Miscellaneous Samples

23 samples of articles other than milk were taken, all of which were in conformity with the descriptions or standards applicable to them.

##### General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints concerning these matters."



